

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25

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A RESOLUTION to recognize "Color Chattanooga Pink Week,"  
January 14-21, 2023.

WHEREAS, the MaryEllen Locher Breast Center at CHI Memorial Hospital serves the Chattanooga community as a tribute to MaryEllen Locher, a beloved WTVB Channel 9 personality who fought a courageous battle against breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, one in eight women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in the course of her lifetime, and nearly 3,800 primary breast cancers have been diagnosed at the MaryEllen Locher Breast Center since it opened in 2007; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer remains the most common cancer among women in the United States. Significant advances in breast cancer detection and treatment have driven down the death rate among women, yet death rates from breast cancer remain higher than that of any other cancer except lung cancer, and African-American women are more likely to die from breast cancer than any other cancer; and

WHEREAS, mammograms and self-examinations are key to early detection of breast cancer; last year, nearly 30,000 screening and diagnostic mammograms were performed at the MaryEllen Locher Breast Center and on its two mobile mammography coaches; and

WHEREAS, CHI Memorial Hospital's eighteenth annual Pink! Gala event will be held on January 21, 2023; the festive event brings the community together to raise awareness and funds to provide advanced breast cancer detection and treatments to the Chattanooga community and has raised more than \$5 million over the past seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, the health of all Tennessee women is of paramount importance, and it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly join with CHI Memorial Hospital in raising awareness of the prevalence of breast cancer in women; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize CHI Memorial Hospital's "Color Chattanooga Pink Week," January 14-21, 2023, and encourage all Tennesseans to support the fight against breast cancer by promoting early detection of the disease throughout the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.